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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

Addendum

UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

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The Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic welcomed the idea of designating 1968 as International Year for Human Rights, believing that this would afford an opportunity for further efforts to promote greater respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and would assist in liquidating and eliminating the violations of rights and freedoms which are still taking place in some parts of the world, and also the causes of such violations.

The Government of the Ukrainian SSR believes that the measures and activities to be undertaken in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights in 1968 should take the form of an effective solution of the problem of encouraging and promoting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. Attention should be concentrated on the practical implementation of human rights and freedoms, rather than on formal commemorative activities in connexion with the International Year.

The Government of the Ukrainian SSR wishes to stress the need to extend United Nations activity in the preparation and celebration of the International

Year for Human Rights to all countries of the world without exception, since the problem of conceding and guaranteeing human rights and freedoms concerns all the peoples of the world, irrespective of the country or continent in which they live. Indeed, the meaning and significance of the International Year for Human Rights depend on the triumph of human rights throughout the world.

International efforts in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights should, in the opinion of the Government of the Ukrainian SSR, be concentrated on the following matters:

I. Consideration should be given to the question of wider participation by Member and non-member States of the United Nations in the multilateral treaties, conventions and agreements which have already been adopted. For this purpose all States should be called upon to ratify or accede to important conventions such as the following:

(a) The Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery;

(b) The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;

(c) The Convention on the Political Rights of Women;

(d) The ILO Convention concerning forced or compulsory labour;

(e) The ILO Convention on discrimination in respect of employment and occupation;

(f) The UNESCO Convention against discrimination in education;

(g) The ILO Convention concerning equal remuneration for men and women workers for work of equal value.

II. The drafting of the following conventions should be speeded up so that they may be opened for signature and ratification by 1968:

(a) The draft Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

(b) The draft Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;

(c) The draft Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

(d) The draft Convention on Freedom of Information.

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III. The consideration and preparation of a draft declaration on the elimination of discrimination in the field of political rights, and of a draft declaration on the elimination of discrimination against women, should be completed by 1968.

IV. The abolition of the ignominious colonial system in all its forms should be secured as soon as possible, through implementation of the vital right of peoples to self-determination.

V. All possible measures should be taken in order to abolish as soon as possible apartheid and segregation, which represent the most monstrous forms of racial discrimination.